1936 Wallace St
Philadelphia

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Mother has not been so well and has, therefore, asked me to answer your note of sympathy to her. She is grateful, as we all are, for your interest and kindly expressed sympathy. Won't you please thank Mrs. Robinson also?

We thought of you at the time of father's passing, and made inquiry, as we would have been comforted if you had had some part in the service. Father has always had

a very high regard for you, and we felt he would have liked it also. Our inquiry brought out the fact that you were in Delhi. We certainly would not expect you to come that distance, even though, we feel sure, you would have been willing to do so.

We would be sincerely glad to see you at any time if you can call.

Again thanking you most gratefully for your lovely note and kind thought of us —

Sincerely yours
Elizabeth N. Walker

May 9, 1932.

Rev. C. Franklin Ward, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Ward:

I thank you very much for your offer to provide subscription facilities at the Assembly. Of course, we are anxious for subscriptions and there will be copies of THE PRESBYTERIAN at the Assembly.

Yours very sincerely,

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND FIELD ACTIVITIES

C. FRANKLIN WARD
SECRETARY OF PROMOTION

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 22, 1932.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor, The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Doctor Robinson:

The General Council at its meeting on March 2d, adopted a report from its Special Committee on the Relation of the Women of the Particular Churches to the Boards. Following the adoption of the report, it was recommended that the Presbyterian Magazine, Women and Missions, and the church weeklies be requested to publish this report in full in order to make clear the status of the matter under consideration.

I am carrying out the instructions of the General Council by placing a copy of this report in your hands and accompanying it with the request that it be published.

I realize that this report is long and that you may not desire to give it the necessary space. That, of course is a matter which you yourself will decide.

Sincerely yours,

C. Franklin Ward

C. Franklin Ward,
Secretary of the General Council.

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The Special Committee on the Relation of the Women of the Particular Churches to the Boards presented its report through its chairman, Mrs. Fred S. Bennett. The report was adopted and is as follows:

A. Origin and Constitution of Committee.

This Committee, re participation of the Board of Christian Education in the programs of the Woman's Missionary Organizations of the Church, was appointed by action of the General Council, May 27, 1931, ratified by the General Assembly of 1931 (Minutes Part I, pp.197-198) as follows:

> "That the results of the voting and all of the material secured in connection with the voting and reported to the Committee in the digest of correspondence made in the Office of the General Council, be referred for further consideration to a committee of three, said committee to consist of the Corresponding Members of the General Council, Mrs. Fred S. Bennett and Miss Margaret E. Hodge, and Mrs. L. L. Marsell, a member of the Board of Christian Education."

B. Background against which this Committee was set up:

1. This Committee was instructed by the General Council to consider "all the material secured in connection with the voting and reported to the Committee (on Basis of Financial Cooperation) in the digest of correspondence made in the Office of the General Council", with the expressed hope that "helpful and constructive recommendations" might result.

2. The vote by the missionary societies was on the question: "Does your organization favor the inclusion among your yearly programs on Foreign and National Missions of one or more programs of the work of the Board of Christian Education?"

3. The Special Committee on Basis of Financial Cooperation took the following actions concerning the vote and its significance, which were approved by the General Council:

> "The majority vote of the individual societies to decide the issue" (meeting of November, 1930), and
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> "the decision of the societies auxiliary to the Missions Boards in the premises will be determined by (a) the majority of votes cast; (b) but a comparison will be made with the total number of possible votes in determining the opinion of the Committee as to significance of the vote" (meeting of March, 1931).

4. Under date of May 4, 1931, the Committee on Basis of Financial Cooperation issued a leaflet giving the following information concerning the vote:

(a) "Number of Societies voting 3,669
Number of Societies voting "Yes" 1,668
Number of Societies voting "No" 2,001
Majority of Societies voting "No" 333

Number of Individuals voting 63,451
Number of Individuals voting "Yes" 29,357
Number of Individuals voting "No" 34,094
Majority of Individuals voting "No" 4,737 "

It is therefore clear that a definite decision was made by the vote itself, under 3 above, there having been a negative majority of 335 societies and 4,757 individuals.

(b) The Committee on Basis of Financial Cooperation further said, "a comparison will be made with the total number of possible votes in determining the opinion of the Committee as to the significance of the vote." It was found that

1. Total number of women's societies auxiliary to the Mission Boards	6,649
2. Number of societies not voting	2,980
3. Total membership of women's societies auxiliary to the Mission Boards	219,572
4. Number of individuals not voting	155,941

These figures would indicate:

1. That only a few more than one-half of the societies voted.

2. That less than one-third of the total reported membership of the Societies voted.

It is not possible to draw positive conclusions from these figures but as the period during which the vote could be taken covered some months, they seem to indicate either much indifference or much misunderstanding.

Organizations not auxiliary to the Mission Boards.

As there was no complete list of this group of societies, cards were included in the 6,500 letters sent to pastors; only 436 were returned. These organizations were asked to vote on two questions:

(1) "Has your organization studied and discussed the Syllabus on 'Women's Service in the Church?"

(2) "Does your organization favor including among its programs presentations of the work of the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Board of National Missions?"

281 societies had studied the Syllabus.

65 societies had not studied the Syllabus.

183 societies voted <u>for</u> the inclusion of the study of the three Boards in their programs.

182 societies voted <u>against</u> the inclusion of the study of the three Boards in their programs.

Majority of those voting "no" 19

2,876 individuals voted for the inclusion of the study of the three Boards in their programs.

5,564 individuals voted against the inclusion of the study of the three Boards in their programs.

Majority of individuals voting "no" 448.

The proportion of societies voting "yes" and of those voting "no" is about the same as among the missionary societies.

If cards were available it would be interesting to trace above resemblance, whether it be geographical location, size of organizations, type of church, localized prejudice. It is not known whether these organizations use any church study programs or what service, if any, they render to the three Boards.

Pastors.

Approximately 6,500 cards were sent to them, asking:

"Do you believe that it would be desirable to include a part of the program of the Board of Christian Education with the programs of the Mission Boards, in the work of the women's societies of the local church, the inclusion for the present to be without financial participation in the work of the Board of Christian Education by the women's societies?"

1,297, or only one-fifth of the cards were returned; of these 986 voted affirmatively, 243 voted negatively, and 68 were indecisive.

C. Deductions from study of digest of correspondence:

The Committee made a careful study of the twenty-seven page digest of correspondence sent in with the vote (see B (1) above) and which was made in the Office of the General Council and placed in the hands of the Committee. From the tabulation made of the comment by both women and pastors, the Committee feels that the following deductions may be drawn.

1. Finance:

It is plainly evident that the question of finance entered so largely into the vote of the women that it became the controlling factor in their decision. They very generally favored the inclusion among their programs of "one or more presentations of the work of the Board of Christian Education." However, some voted "yes" on the distinct understanding that no question of budget be involved, as they feel unable to assume additional financial responsibilities. On the other hand, a considerable number were deterred from voting "yes" through fear that financial obligation was or would be involved.

2. Budget:

There is widespread opinion that budgets for women's organizations should not be increased. Some pastors add that there is, too often, an element of competition between the women's budget and that of the church.

3. Program:

There is strong evidence of a growing desire for unification of program and for the study by all of the church of the whole work of the church. The comments too often indicate a prejudice against and lack of sympathy with the agencies of the Church, while at the same time there is real interest in the work of the Church.

4. Organization:

There is general plea that no new organization be started but that all of the existing machinery of the Church be utilized for putting on an enlarged program which shall cover all of the work of the Church.

5. There is indicated a sympathy with and a desire to aid the work of the Board of Christian Education, together with a strong feeling that recognition is not made of the large cooperation already given by the women of the churches in the work of the Board of Christian Education through (1) service in the local church as teachers and leaders and in community activities, and (2) by participation in the benevolence budget of the local church.

6. The inclusion in their programs by women's organizations of the work of three departments - Missionary Education, Young People, Stewardship - now under the supervision of the Board of Christian Education is bringing about new contacts among the Boards, and is developing cooperative thinking.

7. General reaction:

There is apparently a feeling on the part of many women of the missionary societies that the task they are now carrying for the Mission Boards lies at the very foundation of the Church's life and will be threatened by any enlargement of the program of their organizations.

On the other hand, however, there is considerable feeling on the part of pastors and some women that the present segregation of interests impedes the Church in the long run and that its whole program would be furthered by unification.

D. Conclusions:

1. The Committee endeavored to make a summarization of the comments given in the digest which could be considered as a consensus of opinion on the question at issue. All attempts at such a summarization, however, developed the fact that the opinions expressed are so contradictory, the balance between the pros and cons so fine, that any conclusion which should be drawn would be merely an individual one. The digest can be used equally well to illustrate both sides of the question and the Committee found it impossible to get a true picture from it. No attempt has therefore been made to interpret it further than to make the general deductions given under "C" above.

2. The vote cast by the societies auxiliary to the Mission Boards unquestionably decided in the negative the matter of the inclusion of programs dealing with Christian Education in the yearly programs of the missionary organizations.

3. It is obvious that in harmony with Presbyterian law and practice, none of the missionary societies whether voting or non-voting is under any obligation to use any programs either of the Mission Boards or of the Board of Christian Education, but that the matter of program materials is entirely one of self-determination by each society.

4. It is equally obvious that in harmony with Presbyterian law and practice, it is the privilege of the societies to use Christian Education programs if, on their own motion, they so desire. This is recognized in the action of General Assembly of 1931, as follows:

> "That the Board of Christian Education is at liberty to furnish upon request the organized Missionary Societies with programs for study based upon the work of the Board of Christian Education, and that the Board of Christian Education is authorized upon request to furnish speakers upon the work of the Board of Christian Education to local and Presbyterial and Synodical Women's Missionary Societies."

E. Recommendations:

In view of the facts and conclusions stated above, the following recommendations are offered:

1. That action be taken by the General Council requesting "The Presbyterian Magazine", "Women and Missions", and the church weeklies to publish this report in full in order to make clear the status of the matter under consideration.

2. That the secretaries of the Mission Boards and the Central Distributing Department continue to cooperate in the distribution of information concerning the availability of programs on Christian Education to those missionary societies which desire to secure such programs.

May 5, 1932.

Mrs. Thomas H. Walker,
1936 Wallace Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Walker:

Receiving the Northminster Church Calendar today, I learn for the first of the decease of your husband whom I had the privilege of receiving into the membership and setting apart to the eldership of that Church. I am distressed that I did not know about it as I certainly should have made arrangements to be at the funeral. At the time, however, I was in Delhi whither I had taken Mrs. Robinson for the summer.

I want you to know how much I cherish him as a loyal devoted Christian. To me, he was an ideal man and I always felt I had his warm friendship. Indeed, your whole family have been to me a great comfort. I regret exceedingly that I could not be present to pay my respect at the funeral. I had heard that he was not well but somehow I had not thought that the end was so near. Let us be comforted with the blessed hope of eternity which he has now reached by his faith in Christ and his loyalty to Him. He is in glory and is freed from the cares which we have to bear in this world.

Please express to your son and daughter and accept for yourself the warm sympathy of Mrs. Robinson and myself.

Most sincerely yours,

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May 4, 1932.

Miss Mary P. Webster,
100 Biltmore Avenue,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Miss Webster:

Your letter of April 15th was forwarded to me while I was absent from the office. I hope you will pardon and receive this typewritten reply. Your letter rejoiced Mrs. Robinson and me very much indeed.

I am sure I remember you and I recall that you were one of the several students in Potsdam who helped us so much. I am delighted to find that you are still in good work. It is a great pleasure to find that sermons that I preached back in those days are still recorded in your Bible. Every now and then I have a letter from some Potsdam student who says kind things about the influence they received in the church there. That was one of the happiest periods of my life and it was especially delightful to have so many noble young people in the congregation.

I was once walking on the platform of a railroad station in North [redacted] and a young man came up to me and called me by name, much to my surprise, and said he was a Normal student and then principal of the school there. He, like you, referred to my work in Potsdam and thereby pleased me very much indeed. I certainly wish you well.

I have been for two years editing THE PRESBYTERIAN which I took as a temporary position after resigning from my pastorate. Like all good enterprises, we are having our own troubles and I do not know what the outcome will be.

Permit me to thank you most sincerely for writing to me. It brought so many delightful things to my memory.

Most sincerely yours,

WCR*E

May 4, 1932.

Mr. Graham C. Wells,
33 Liberty Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wells:

Your letter of April 20th came while I was absent from the office. I thank you most sincerely and I appreciate the kindness of Mr. Carroll of the Hotel Alvord. I esteem it a great privilege to be invited to preach in Dr. McQuilkin's church. I was sorry that I could not attend the Elders' meeting held there recently but I found at that particular time my work was critical and burdensome. I admire Dr. McQuilkin very much indeed and I know he is doing a wonderful work. I think my son, Rev. Stewart Robinson of Elizabeth, has preached there. I shall endeavor to be on hand August 14th according to arrangements.

Most sincerely yours,

WCR*E

100 Biltmore Ave. Asheville, N. C.
Apr. 15, 1932

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.
Editor of "The Presbyterian"
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:—

This a voice from the past. Long years since I had known anything about you, but a copy of "The Presbyterian" fell into my hands a few months ago & I could have wept with joy when I found your name as the Editor-in-chief.

You will not remember me personally nor by name but I was a member of the class of '97 in Potsdam Normal, and of course attended the Presbyterian church throughout my student days in that town. It is needless to say that your positive preaching & clean cut personality made a lasting impression.

I have with me a much worn Bible (perhaps from age more than use tho) upon which I made marginal memoranda in those Potsdam days. I'll just give what I find noted under date

of "April 18, 1897, Easter Lyt. "He will swallow up death in victory", Rev. W. Courtland Robinson." (Is. 25:8)

And again, the three sermons upon Luke 15.

(1.) "The Wilful Son" — Feb. 14, 1897

(2.) "The Waiting Father" — Feb. 21, 897

(3.) "The Elder Brother" — Feb. 28, 1897

I'll just state, that I've worn out a half-dozen or more of Bibles but somehow this one stays by me. Since Normal days & a short time in the Public Schools of W. Y. State I was commissioned under our Board of National Missions to the Spanish-American work in N. Mex. and spent most of the time from 1908-to 1923 in Mexican School as teacher, first of Primary work but later as Teacher of Bible for both High School and grades. I don't understand how the Lord ever favored me so graciously as to allow me to do this work. While not under commission at present through the Board, I find many opportunities to be about my Father's business in teaching Bible Classes & Children's meetings. Now pardon this if it seems an intrusion. Respectfully (Miss) Mary P. Webster

C O P Y

March 30, 1932.

My dear Dr. Macartney:

Your letter, addressed to Dr. Mudge under date of March twenty-fourth, has been referred to me for answer.

May I say first of all that the Church, through its regular constitutional procedure, has placed upon the General Council certain responsibilities which the Council is obliged to discharge. Among those responsibilities are the following:

> "To supervise and coordinate the promotional work of the Boards and to undertake in its own name only such general promotional activities as cover all agencies and interests in the Church."

Obviously the task above mentioned could not be undertaken without expense to the Church: and it is equally obvious that any part of it conducted on behalf of the Boards and Agencies should be paid for by them. With the exception of some activities in which the Secretary is engaged from time to time, such as promoting Spiritual Emphasis programs, everything done by the Council is done for the Boards. Furthermore, the Boards each have two representatives on the Operating Committee which initiates and carries out promotional policies and plans.

Not once, since the present Secretary has been in office, has there been any suggestion from the promotional departments of the Boards that the work carried on as a whole by the General Council could be done more efficiently or more economically by the Boards. The critics in this matter are among those who are misinformed. The fact is that the Council's promotional budget is prepared tentatively by a sub-committee of the Operating Committee, made up of the treasurers of the four Boards and the Secretary of Finance of the General Council.

The Council's budget for 1932--33 is $237,000-- not $294,699. That budget is now $35,000 less than it was two years ago. Furthermore, the Council saved the cause of National Missions over $50,000 two years ago by closing its six district offices and, in their place, by arranging for a joint relationship in twenty synod executive offices whereby promotional activities have been decentralized into those synods. In each case, the National Missions cause has been relieved of approximately one-half of the cost of maintaining those synod offices.

The budget of $237,698, for 1932-33, is apportioned as follows:

I.	Joint Synod Offices	$63,145
II.	Central Distribution of Literature	61.246
III.	Office of Promotional Secretary	38,683
IV.	Every Member Canvass	23,433
V.	Central Receiving Agency and Finance	16,766
VI.	Central Purchasing	12,436
VII.	Presbyterian Magazine	12,000
VIII.	The Welsh Synods	5,272
IX.	General Service	4,717
		$237,698.

I. Joint Synod Offices

The official relationship now in effect between the General Council and the Boards on the one hand and the Synods on the other is proving mutually helpful. The Boards would undoubtedly continue it if there were no Council. In any case it would appear that the synod executive office is here to stay-- and be financed from some source. The Council did not create the office-- the synods are responsible for it.

II. Central Distribution of Literature

Fully 90% of the work of this department is done directly upon order from the Boards. The rest is in the interests of the every member canvass and a very few pieces of literature, such as the Presbyterian Plan Book and the recent self-denial letter to the pastors. Most of the employees were taken over from the Boards two years ago, thus relieving their budgets to that extent. This change from separate distribution to centralized distribution has resulted in substantial economies and in a marked reduction in the amount of literature distributed in the field. Certainly it has been a convenience for pastors and a source of needed information to the Boards. Until literature was centralized, and constantly inventoried, the Boards were without information which is now easily procurable, such as:

1. Actual needs on the field.
2. Orders received.
3. Carry-over of literature no longer in demand.

III. Office of the Promotional Secretary

The writer of this letter is reluctant to speak on behalf of his own official activities. Perhaps it is enough to say that he is busily engaged in many activities which seem to him to be helpful. Among those activities are:

1. Presiding over the monthly meetings of the Operating Committee.
2. Secretary of the P&FA Committee.
3. Secretary of Chairman of many lesser committees.

4. Correspondent with P&FA Committee chairmen and synod and presbytery executives throughout the Church.
5. A heavy correspondence with pastors who seek advice or information on the program of the Church.
6. Arranging for conferences of various kinds.
7. Itinerating the Moderator of the General Assembly.

IV. The Every Member Canvass

The demands upon this department far exceed anything that can be supplied out of its limited budget. There is ample testimony at hand as to its usefulness and as to the acceptability of its service to the churches as well as to the Boards. There are many who believe that the department is undermanned and that it is poor economy to withhold from it ample funds to cover its opportunities for service. Churches which follow the department's suggestions and handle their business affairs as they should be handled have benefited greatly, not only in benevolence receipts but also in congregational receipts.

V. Central Receiving Agency and Finance

This office has a relatively small budget. About one-half of the money received from living givers passes through its hands for distribution to the Boards on the General Assembly percentage basis. It is a great convenience to the local churches, and thus an indirect service to the Boards. The Secretary of Finance has rendered an invaluable service to all the Boards and to the Church through unifying reports and indicating ways of effecting economies.

VI. Central Purchasing

In this department, as in the Central Distributing Department, many employees were taken over from the missionary Boards when the plan for united promotion was put into effect two years ago. With the buying power of the Boards and the General Council consolidated in one office, under a single director, it has been possible to secure larger discounts and lower prices on printing and materials. Such procedure ought to appeal strongly to your business men.

VII. The Presbyterian Magazine

This service to the field and on behalf of the Boards should be continued as long as there is clear evidence of its usefulness. The Council believes it to be a good investment and the Boards have concurred in that opinion.

VIII. The Welsh Synods

Pending a final consummation of the union with the Welsh brethren, it has seemed necessary to contribute to the support of promotional activities in the Welsh Synods. Another year should see this item removed from the budget.

IX. General Service

The amount expended here is for switch-board (now a central switch-board for all the Boards) and messenger service.

The above information may not be sufficiently detailed to satisfy your request. If not, kindly indicate the point at which you desire more information.

Do you think it is fair for anyone to say offhand that 10% or 20% is too much to spend administering and promoting the benevolences of the Church? Is it reasonable to charge the full amount of overhead (And who knows what is really overhead?) against benevolence receipts? Do not the promotional activities have a substantial influence in the all around giving of the Church membership? Is it not true that our most serious thought as a Church, in all of our various organizations,-- committees, councils, boards, and judicatories-- should be given to the supreme need of nurturing and educating the individual giver? What could be more desired than that each gift be accompanied by understanding and by the joy of sharing in a cause that is close to one's heart? Is it not true that giving is a grace? If so, is it not also true that the expenditure of effort and money to lead an individual into the self-sacrificing habits of a confirmed giver should be encouraged? The Church has so taught down through the centuries and the truth of its teachings should be borne in mind when consideration is given to the relative cost of promotion as over against receipts. There are many who contend that circumstances often suggest the wisdom-- yes, the economy-- of spending a dollar to secure a dollar. That is good business practise. Hasn't the Church some responsibility in this regard? And isn't it fair to suggest that much of the money now expended in the name of "promotion" might well be considered as chargeable to "a teaching ministry?"

Your letter states that there is "a rising tide of indignation on the part of the laymen of the Church against what would appear to them to be the wildest extravagance in supporting the General Council, which many feel is a menace to the Church as a whole, is un-Presbyterian and is destroying the confidence of our people in the leadership of the Church." If there is such a "rising tide" as you refer to I must admit that I see no evidence of it. The Presbyterian Church as a whole has absolute confidence in its leadership. There is criticism in some quarters, of course.

There always has been and there always will be until men who ought to be working together and confiding in each other are actually doing so. Some men are always ready to jump to conclusions without taking the trouble to secure information, and, having decided that there is something wrong somewhere, they proceed to sow seeds of suspicion in the minds of others.

Why, may I ask, did you send copies of your letter, addressed to the Moderator of the General Assembly, to the Presbyterian, the Advance, and the Banner, if you were seeking information for the purpose of clearing up misunderstanding on the part of laymen in your church? Do you think that your letter, if published, would help to inspire confidence? I ask you these questions because I am sincerely puzzled over the manner in which you have handled this matter.

Sincerely yours,

C. Franklin Ward,
Secretary of Promotion.

The Reverend J. Robertson Macartney, D.D.,
1011 Garden Street,
Bellingham, Wash.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Rev W. Courtland Robinson D.D.
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

Bowling Green Mo
April 25th 1932

Dear Dr Robinson

I am well pleased with your stand as expressed in Presbyterian of April 21st 1932. In the interest of peace. Also your stand for the historic faith of our Church.

Also Dr McMullen address, "Why am I a Conservative"

modernism is a curse to the best interests of the Church. Yours truly

R M Wimmell

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C. FRANKLIN WARD
SECRETARY OF PROMOTION

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 21, 1932.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Hardly an issue of your paper comes to my desk without containing one or more severe strictures against the General Council or the Boards. In the interests of fairness, I would suggest that you publish the enclosed letter addressed to you as Editor of the Presbyterian.

Sincerely yours,

C. Franklin Ward

C. Franklin Ward,
Secretary of Promotion.

The Reverend W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
The Presbyterian Publishing Company,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

April 14, 1932.

Rev. Raymond C. Walker,
Market Square Presbyterian Ch.,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Dr. Walker:

I thank you very much for your kind letter of April 11th. It may be that I did Dr. Weber an injustice and we have since corresponded and I think all is well. He sent me a very sharp and vigorous telegram because I omitted to say as much about the Every Member Canvass as he thought I should.

I have no desire to be antagonistic to the officials of our Church but I think it a fair statement that there are too many of them and they grow to have too great a sense of authority. I would doubtless do the same if I were in their place.

I think I will print your letter because I feel that all voices ought to be heard.

Very truly yours,

WCR*E

First Presbyterian Church,

Brighton, Colorado,

Apr. 8, 1932.

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I want to thank you for the way you handled my article on Board Expenses. I think your publication of it, if it merited publication at all, was especially well timed:- late enough not to interfere with the canvass of this year,- early enough to come to the attention of the presbyters before the spring meetings of the various presbyteries. I feel this matter is a vitally important one in view of the general financial situation and prospective deficits of the Boards. One of two things is imperative;- either a radical reduction in office and staff personnels of in the mission forces on the home and foreign fields.

I am hopeful as to what will be accomplished at the coming General Assembly. Much will depend on the election of the right man for moderator. I am wondering if the people who have been in control of affairs for some time won't go clear out of their little inner circle this year to seek their cindidate for the office. My guess is that their experiences at Pittsburgh last year will convince them they must resort to a new strategy and that their strategy will be to pick some man at a distance, who they feel sure will do their bidding. I hope this isn't

I am wondering if you are planning on attending the assembly personally. I would be very glad to have a visit with you if you do and if your time permits to take you for a little jaunt into the Rockies. We are lees than two hour by auto from the heart of theRockies.

Cordially yours,

H. Clare Welker

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EDWARD L. WERTHEIM
151 WEST 40TH STREET
NEW YORK N. Y.

April 6, 1932

Editor
The Presbyterian
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Thinking that perhaps you are under the impression that the attached article is for sale, may I say that there is absolutely no obligation or payment involved. We are only desirous of having this Conference brought to the attention of the readers of the Presbyterian.

Yours very truly,

Edward L. Wertheim

EDWARD L. WERTHEIM

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Enclosure

E.L. Wertheim
181 W. 40th St.
New York City

FOR RELEASE: SUMMER CONFERENCES FOR MINISTERS

The two annual Conferences, one for Ministers and Religious Workers, the other, on Church Work in Cities and Industrial Communities, which have been held separately for more than a decade at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, will be combined this year, taking place from June 20th to July 1st, it has been announced by Dr. A. Bruce Curry, Director of Summer Work at the Seminary.

The joint conference has been planned to meet the needs of all ministers and workers in all types of communities and churches. It will include not only lecture courses but group conferences on vital subjects with noted religious leaders directing the discussions.

During the first week, from June 21st to 25th, a series of five lectures on "The Church and the Social Problem" will be given by Professor Edward C. Lindeman, of the New York School of Social Work. Dr. Lindeman will consider the Social Problem as it relates to economics, culture, education, government and morality. Dean Willard L. Sperry, of the Theological School, Harvard University, will also conduct a series of lectures on "Second Thoughts on Worship".

"Furnishing Youth the Material for a Religious Faith" is one of the two lecture series to be given during the second week from June 27 to July 1st. This will include Method, Material for a Faith in God, Material for Re-Interpreting Morality, Material for Understanding the Mystical Element, and Material for a Philosophy of Life. The leader will be Dean Robert Russell Wicks, of the University Chapel, Princeton University. Dr. Henry Nelson Wieman, Professor of Christian Theology, Divinity School, University of Chicago will give five lectures on "Theocentric Religion", considering such phases of this subject as Good and Bad Religion, Religion and the Scientific Attitude, What Is Most Worthwhile and Meaning of God.

During the last hour each morning, the conference will divide

into three groups which will meet simultaneously each day, and will continue throughout the two weeks. Each group will discuss an individual subject as follows: Group A - "The Changing Church - the philosophy and function of the church in the modern age", led by Dr. William P. Shriver, Director of City Work, Presbyterian Board of National Missions; Group B- "The Work of the Town and Suburban Churches - its major problems and how they are to be met", led by the Rev. Frank Kingdon, D.D., pastor of the Calvary Methodist Church, East Orange, New Jersey; and Group C- "The Strategy of the City Church - a study of the methods used in adapting the church to changing city conditions", led by Professor Arthur L. Swift, Director of Field Work, Union Theological Seminary.

The conference opens with a service and reception in the James Memorial Chapel, on Monday evening, June 20th, at 7:30, when Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, president of Union Seminary, will be the principal speaker.

Those attending the conference will have an opportunity to visit and study the centers of social and religious interest in New York, through the afternoon trips which are arranged by the Seminary under the guidance of the Rev. Clarence V. Howell, Director of Reconciliation Trips.

The six-weeks summer school conducted by Union Theological Seminary in cooperation with Columbia University will begin on July 5th and extend through August 14th.

Note: We will appreciate any space you can give this story. At the same time, if anything does appear, can you send us a clipping in the enclosed envelope. We have no other way of checking. Thank you for your cooperation. Thank you.

Wilson College
Chambersburg, Pa.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 4, 1932.

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
THE PRESBYTERIAN,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I beg to acknowledge your letter, which I found awaiting me on my return on Saturday.

I feel I must send you an immediate answer, though it must be brief. I shall try to find an opportunity to talk this matter over with you. I appreciate your confidence and should like to be of service to you.

I cannot possibly consider taking on any additional cares and in this case I do not think I could be of any service to you.

Mrs. Onward Bates, who is the daughter of the late Judge Samuel M. Breckinridge of St. Louis, with her husband makes her winter home at Augusta, Georgia, which is a small town and that is sufficient address. Her home is on Belden Avenue, Chicago, a short street on the edge of the campus of the Theological Seminary. Her husband is the son of Judge Bates of Missouri who was in Lincoln's cabinet.

They are far advanced in years and I doubt whether any new interest could be developed, although they are naturally interested in The Presbyterian.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to Stewart's coming next week.

With warm regard and every wish to be of service to you,

Very truly yours,

Ethelbert D. Warfield

Dear Editor:

This is a practical matter - which I feel intense interest. There is too much softness & supineness - the Church going up, when some hard & heroic work would save the day for the Cause of Christ.

W.

THE PRESBYTERIAN
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THE OFFICE AND RESIDENCE OF
REV. E. P. WHALLON, D. D., PH. D., LL. D.
103 WENTWORTH AVE., WYOMING, CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Dr. Bowlby of the Sabbath Alliance has written asking the privilege of using my Young Peoples Article of this week, on "How Should I Use Sunday?" in the Leader. I have answered that we shall be delighted to have him use it. Of course you are willing. He also speaks gladly of the article on p. 18. on "Keeping Sunday." W.

March 31, 1932.

Pres. Ethelbert D. Warfield,
Wilson College,
Chambersburg, Pa.

Dear Dr. Warfield:

Perhaps I have no business to do so but I am enclosing in this letter one I received this morning from Dr. Edward B. Hodge. It explains itself and may have an effect upon you. I hope you will return it as I want to keep it in my files. I also hope that you will not let Dr. Hodge know that I sent it.

We are in a very critical condition. I received a letter from Mr. Harbison this morning stating that Dr. Craig had come down on him severely demanding the $6,000 which he claims Mr. Harbison owes him. Craig is bound to get control of THE PRESBYTERIAN and if he does I think the conservative cause will suffer incalculable damage. I was much inclined to favor that move but I see his spirit is in no sense mollified and he will be very vicious. I do not believe that you want that. I may be too mild but he is too vehement.

We owe $5,000 which we must get right away. I have had no pay for a long time and we have other bills that are pressing. We cannot go on unless we can underwrite some $12,000 for next year. Harbison who has been our main support can do nothing for us. I am exceedingly sorry for him. Crowell is not very zealous in our behalf. J. Howard Pew sent us a thousand dollars but will send no more. So, I send Dr. Hodge's letter to you for you to act upon it as you deem best.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

March 30, 1932.

Rev. W. Clarence Wright,
519 W. Maple Avenue,
Birmingham, Mich.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Permit me to thank you most cordially for the fine letter from you dated March 22nd. We are having a very serious time but we hope that we can pull out in some fashion. We appreciate such friendship as yours and you are showing it in a very practical way.

With warm regards,

Yours most sincerely,

WCR*E

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The Presbyterian
Attention of W. Cortland Robinson
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Robinson:

When we noted your statement of financial need a few months ago we sent on a check for ten dollars which you courteously acknowledged.

Again we note that the Weekly is at a precarious time in its history. This time instead of sending a contribution I would like to subscribe for the magazine for four of our Elders.

Enclosed find a check for $10.00 for which please send the "Presbyterian" for one year to the following:

Mr. Shelton Wright
247 [illegible]
[illegible], Michigan

Mr. Paul Penfield
631 Greenwood Avenue
Birmingham, Michigan

Mr. Y. C. Smith
400 Pierce Street
Birmingham, Michigan

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Rev. Earnest Seaholm
956 Kennesaw Avenue
Birmingham, Michigan

I feel that the "Presbyterian" occupies an indispensible place in our Presbyterian Church and would hate to see it discontinued for any cause.

Sincerely,

W. Clarence Wright

W. Clarence Wright

WCW:MP

March 25, 1932.

Rev. Herman C. Weber, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Weber:

I received your letter and I guess we are in full accord with each other. I certainly want to help the good work for which we all stand, as much as possible.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

March 25, 1932.

Mr. Graham C. Wells,
33 Liberty Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wells:

I have your letter of yesterday. I am always very glad to occupy pulpits during the summer months and it happens that I have no appointment for August 14th which is the date you suggest. I note the services are held both morning and evening. I think I am appointed to speak in that church to the elders on April 14th. I am very grateful for your remembrance of me.

Most cordially yours,

WCR*E

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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 24, 1932.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Editor:

You will permit me, Mr. Editor, I am sure to remonstrate with you with reference to your impeachment of yourself and myself in your recent editorial entitled, "A Sharp Rebuke". My communication to you calling attention to the failure of The Presbyterian to make a big time about the every member canvass in our great denomination, you ought not to consider in any sense a sharp rebuke. You made ample amends in a previous edition for what you called rather severely "editorial thoughtlessness".

The other impeachment that I myself am in some respects an "overlord" makes me chortle and evokes a sympathetic grin from my battered old typewriter. The every member canvass department, which is a very small department indeed, is nothing but a clearing house of methods and information on how successful and active pastors have met and are meeting this problem. We have never had so many calls for help, of course, than during this particularly hard year, and it has been a great privilege to be, not an "overlord", but a servant of my brethren in the hard-pressed ministry.

Next year I hope to have the thoughtfulness and cooperation of you, Mr. Editor, who have so recently been an active and successful pastor yourself. Your position with your editorial office at the center of a great Presbyterian constituency, makes it possible for you to render extraordinary and needed service to your brethren in the pastorate.

Sincerely,

Herman C. Weber

Herman C. Weber, Director,
EVERY MEMBER CANVASS DEPARTMENT.

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Rev. W. Cortland Robinson, D. D.
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Doctor Robinson:

Dr. H. H. McQuilkin expressed the hope that I might be so fortunate as to secure you for a supply preacher at the First Presbyterian Church of Orange for one of the vacation Sundays.

If you can serve us on the morning and evening of Sunday, August 14, it will be a pleasure to welcome you.

If any other date would fit in better with your plans, I could possibly shift it if I hear from you promptly.

The honorarium is forty dollars ($40.00) and we also provide week end entertainment.

Sincerely,

Graham C. Wells, Chairman
Summer Supply Committee.

GCW:G

Yours respectfully
Miss A. S. D. Wickes
457 Central Ave
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Patchogue L. I.
March 8/92

Dear Editor -

Am sorry I could not send the first half of the subscription for another year before but we are in bad financial condition. The taxes are so terribly high - We have property we are anxious to sell. Having taken The Post Express for over two years I

hand discontinuing it but hope we will not have to.

Could we have an article in the Presbyterian upon the price of "Work out your own salvation." A minister in town often uses it & how we have to live it ourselves and as those it is not in the reach of us. He also said that the atonement was not a myth. I hope it will be and that there will be a place in heaven for us if one is truly a Christian but would like to know how to explain the verse referred to, to my nieces and nephews.

I always enjoy the editorial and hope and pray I may be able to continue your paper-

MARYVILLE COLLEGE
SAMUEL TYNDALE WILSON, PRESIDENT EMERITUS
MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 7, 1932

Rev. Dr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Editor of The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St., Phila.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I enclose a brief review of "Under the Olive Trees," Dr. Chalmers' book of Travel. I thank you for sending it to me for reviewing. It brought back to memory many interesting places and events.

Fraternally yours,

Samuel Tyndale Wilson
Pres. Emeritus Maryville College.

March 10, 1932.

Mr. W. S. Wills,
139 Dunbar Avenue,
Bellevue, Pa.

Dear Mr. Wills:

I just received your letter. Dr. Kennedy's name will be restored to the list of editors. He did not want to have his name omitted and we certainly are very glad to retain it although he has done no writing for over two years. I quite agree with your estimate of him and I have known him and esteemed him most highly for over twenty years. I was delighted to find him in excellent physical condition. A year ago I feared he was going down but now he asserts he is all right physically though not very strong. I thank you for your letter.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

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Rev. W.Courtland Robinson,D.D.,
Editor, "The Presbyterian,"
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear sir:-

It is with much regret that I note the removal of the name of Doctor Kennedy from the Editorial staff of the "Presbyterian." I sat under his preaching for many years in the First Church, North Side, Pittsburgh, and to us he was a great man--allthat a minister should be. He gave all that was in him to his people, to lead them by example and precept to be believers in and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

He was of the old school, at least he was different from the ministers I have come in contact with since. He did not consider his duty performed after his sermons on the Sabbath, but he kept in constant tough with his congregation, visiting at their homes regularly and many visited him, all looking upon him as a personal friend interested in their well being.

His sermons were always sound and doctrinal, and his midweek Prayer Meetings were a feast of Spiritual things. Also from time to time he would conduct classes along lines that would be helpful to ones Spiritual life; for instance, such books as Doctor Breed's "Preparation of the world for Christ," and Doctor Patton's "Summary of the Doctrines."

Were it not for the doctrinal foundation that was laid for us in his days I fear the faith of many of us would be rather wobbly.

In my mind I have always liked to think of him being such a man as Paul must have been, for he always manifested that sturdy, rugged faith that was so strongly centered in Paul's life and was so uplifting and strengthening to ones own faith.

Yours very truly

W S Will

First Presbyterian Church,
Brighton, Colorado,
March 1, 1932

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.
Editor, The Presbyterian,
1217 Market st.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a report which I thought might interest you and possibly also your readers.

I have seen fit to assemble and report these figures without comment, feeling that the facts would speak for themselves. I must say however, that to me personally, the figures are simply appalling!

Some of our Boards are making a show of lowering expenses by reducing part of their salaries by small percentages. This method will never get us anywhere as a study of these figures will reveal. There will have to be a radical reduction both in the number of employees and in the other expenses of the Boards. One of our Board secretaries has been very active in trying to put over Overture B creating the class of "Missioners." I have read that the aggument is that our western presbyteries are much in need of this particular kind of men, due to shortage in the ministerial supply. If this argument is being advanced it is all based on pure fiction. Even if there were a shortage of available men for manning our western fields, the shortage could quickly be supplied by reducing the number of employees of our Boards.

I greatly appreciate the fine work you are doing as editor of the Presbyterian, in these critical times. I also greatly appreciate the splendid courtesy you have shown me personally.

Cordially yours,

H. Clare Welkes.

March 4, 1932.

Rev. Herman C. Weber,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Weber:

I have your urgent telegram. I have no objection to the Every Member Canvass but do not think it is the most critical thing in the world. The omission was due to thoughtlessness on my part but I think the vast amount of material sent out by the central agencies will give all the encouragement that is necessary. Personally, I do not believe in these high pressure methods at all. Plans are good but this drive business has been carried too far.

Yours truly,

WCR*E

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March 4, 1932.

Mr. Frederick A. Williams,
412 Interstate Trust Bldg.,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Please reserve a room and bath at the Brown Palace Hotel for a representative of THE PRESBYTERIAN which is one of the papers of the Presbyterian Church, for the meeting of the Assembly to be held in Denver. I do not know who will be that representative. It may be myself or some other. I would be glad to have notice that the reservation is made.

Very truly,

WCR*E

March 4, 1932.

My dear Friends,

Mrs. Robinson and I wish to congratulate you on the arrival of the new boy. I do not know where he could have found a finer home or a better pair of parents. I hope all is going well with you.

Most cordially,

WCR*E